

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the invention as follows:

CONVERGING ELEMENT, OPTICAL HEAD, AND APPARATUS AND METHOD
OF OPTICALLY RECORDING AND ~~REPRODUCING~~ REPRODUCING INFORMATION

Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, before line 5:

This is a Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/700,343, filed November 14, 2000, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP00/01525, filed March 14, 2000.